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AMENDMENT

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Currently amended) A composite article comprising a silicone rubber matrix reinforced with polyaramid textile, wherein said polyaramid textile is bonded to said silicone rubber by means of a bonding composition, said bonding composition comprising an acryloxy organosilane, in which after said polyaramid is has been activated with at least one of an epoxy compound and a plasma.
- 3. (Previously presented) A composite article according to claim 2 in which the polyaramid is a p-phenylene polyaramid.
- (Previously presented) A composite article according to claim 2 in which said bonding composition further comprises an epoxy organositane.
- (Original) A composite article according to claim 4 in which said bonding composition further comprises a vinyl organosilane.
- (Previously presented) A composite article according to claim 2 in which said organosilane is a trimethoxy silane.
- (Previously presented) A composite article according to claim 2 in which sald polyaramid textile comprises polyaramid single end or cabled cords.

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- 8. (Previously presented) A composite article according to claim 2 in which said polyaramid textile is a weft insertion warp knit fabric having polyaramid weft and/or warp yarns.
- (Currently amended) A process for manufacturing a polyaramid reinforced silicone rubber article comprising the steps of:
 - a) Selecting a polyaramid textile,
 - b) activating the polyaramid textile with <u>at least one of an epoxy compound</u>, and/or eptionally activating the polyaramid textile with <u>and a plasma</u>,
 - c) Dipping the polyaramid textile into an organosilane dip comprising acryloxy organosilane, and
 - d) Bonding the dipped polyaramid textile to silicone rubber.
- (Original) A process according to claim 9 wherein said organosilane dip further comprises an epoxy organosilane.
- (Original) A process according to claim 9 wherein said organosilane dip is an aqueous dip.
- 12. (Original) A process according to claim 9 in which epoxy activation is followed by plasma activation, which is, in turn, followed by the organosilane dipping step.
- (Original) A process according to claim 12 in which said plasma activation comprises an air plasma.

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- 14. (Original) A process according to claim 13 in which said plasma activation comprises an air plasma further including water as an aerosol.
- 15. (Original) A process according to claim 9 in which said organosilane dip further comprises an amino functional organosilane.
- 16. (New) A process according to claim 13 in which said plasma activation comprises an air plasma further including epoxy as an aerosol.